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# CITY OF HAZEL PARK

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

111 East Nine Mile Road • Hazel Park, Michigan 48030

March 13, 2007

Representative Steve Bieda  
Chairman  
Tax Policy Committee  
Michigan State House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Bieda:

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 4442. HB 4442 is an important long-term structural solution to Michigan's broken municipal finance model. It corrects a statutory provision that has resulted in significant losses in revenue for local governments.

A decade ago the state legislature took action that will ultimately financially cripple all of Michigan communities. The legislature created a tax system that punishes communities proportionately to their property value increases. The more values increase, the more a community is punished.

HB 4442 corrects this provision in statute by exempting the increase in taxable value from being calculated in the millage reduction fraction, allowing municipalities to collect inflationary increases on parcels in their communities.

Your support for this bill is critical for the future of Michigan cities.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Klobucher  
City Manager

cc: State Representative Andy Meisner  
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